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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously amended) An article comprising:

 a fastener selected from the group including a rivet nut, a rivet nut stud, a threaded insert, and a blind threaded insert, wherein said fastener has an inner surface and an outer surface and at least a portion of said outer surface has an adhesive thereon.
2. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said adhesive layer forms a strip around said outer surface.
3. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said adhesive layer covers said outer surface.
4. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said fastener has a substantially circular cross-section.
5. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said fastener has a hexagonal cross-section.
6. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said outer surface further comprises at least one ridge.
7. (original) The article recited in Claim 6 wherein said adhesive layer is located on said at least one ridge.

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8. (original) The article recited in Claim 7 wherein said adhesive layer covers said at least one ridge.

9. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said outer surface further comprises a knurled portion.

10. (original) The article recited in Claim 9 wherein said adhesive layer is located on said knurled portion of said outer surface.

11. (original) The article recited in Claim 10 wherein said adhesive layer covers said knurled portion.

12. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said adhesive layer comprises a threadlocking composition.

13. (original) The article recited in Claim 12 wherein said threadlocking composition comprises methacrylate ester.

14. (original) The article recited in Claim 12 wherein said threadlocking composition comprises an epoxy.

15. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein a portion of said inner surface is threaded.

16. (previously amended) The article recited in Claim 1 further comprising a flange with a surface.

17. (previously amended) The article recited in Claim 16 wherein a portion of said surface of said flange has adhesive thereon.

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18. (original) The article recited in Claim 16 wherein said flange comprises a knurled portion.

19. (original) The article recited in Claim 18 wherein said knurled portion of said flange has adhesive thereon.

20. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 further comprising a stud.

21. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said outer surface comprises at least one slot.

22. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said adhesive is enclosed in microcapsules.

23. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said fastener has a closed end.

24. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said fastener has an open end.

25. (currently amended) An article comprising:

 a fastener selected from the group including a rivet nut, a rivet nut stud, a threaded insert, and a blind threaded insert, wherein said fastener has an inner surface, an outer surface, and a flange and at least a portion of a surface of said flange has an adhesive thereon.